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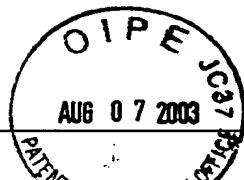
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	AC	2,096,279	10/19/1937	Karcher	255	28	
	AD	2,178,720	2/23/1938	Daniels	219	47	
	AE	2,206,831	3/7/1938	Berthelsen	74	440	
	AF	2,217,857	4/17/1937	Byck	166	21	
	AG	2,224,403	12/10/1940	Lines	219	39	
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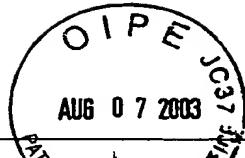
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	BC	2,757,738	8/7/1956	Ritchey	166	39	
	BD	2,851,197	9/9/1958	Colton	222	146	
	BE	2,982,354	4/26/1957	Green	166	60	
	BF	3,184,958	5/25/1965	Eaton	73	40.5	
	BG	3,388,724	6/18/1968	Mowell et al.	138	149	
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	BS	"Monolithic Pipeline Electrical Isolation Joints," HydroTech Systems, Inc., Engineered Pipeline Products, advertisement, Nov. 1996, 6 pp.
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	CE	3,556,218	1/19/1971	Talley, Jr. et al.	166	265	
	CF	3,605,888	9/20/1971	Crowson et al.	166	248	
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	CH	3,620,300	11/16/1971	Crowson	166	248	
	CI	3,630,038	12/28/1971	Ando	61	72.1	
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	DD	3,933,031	1/20/1976	Uhlark	73	40.5 R	
	DE	3,935,632	2/3/1976	Maxson	29	455 R	
	DF	3,944,262	3/16/1976	Stiner et al.	285	53	
	DG	3,958,636	5/25/1976	Perkins	166	248	
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	ED	4,017,102	4/12/1977	Henderson	285	41	
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	EF	4,142,093	2/27/1979	Offerman	219	301	
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	FC	4,590,971	5/27/1986	Webster	138	149	
	FD	4,644,780	2/24/1987	Jeter	73	40.5	
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	GC	4,861,074	9/29/1989	Eastlund et al.	285	53	
	GD	4,874,925	10/17/1989	Dickenson	249	301	
	GE	4,970,467	11/13/1990	Burnett	324	637	
	GF	4,992,001	2/12/1991	Harrison	405	166	
	GG	4,996,879	3/5/1991	Kruka et al.	73	592	
	GH	5,072,622	12/17/1991	Roach et al.	73	40.5 R	
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	HG	5,801,953	9/1/1998	Thoma et al.	364	487	
	HH	5,836,719	11/17/1998	Martin et al.	405	166	
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	JC	6,315,497	11/13/2001	Wittman et al.	405	158	
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	LM	N. B. Carson, "A New Method for Heat Tracing Long Pipelines," ASME, 74-Pet-35, paper presented at the Petroleum Mechanical Engineering Conference, Dallas, Texas, Sep. 15-18, 1974, pp. 2-4.
	LN	Protest Document, Dec. 8, 1987 letter of Andrew W. Marr, Jr. to the Assistant Commissioner of Patents requesting issuance of U.S. Patent 4,716,960 available in the file history as of January 5, 1988.
	LO	R. Wash, "Electromagnetic Energy Helps Recovery," Gulf Coast Oil World., Jun. 1986, pp. 18-19.
	LP	"Taking Induction Heating Underwater," Process Heating, Jul./Aug. 1995, 1 p.
	LQ	The Electrothermic Co. (TEC), 4916 Bear Lane, P.O. Box 4227, Corpus Christi, TX 78408 advertisement/sales brochure, 4 pp.

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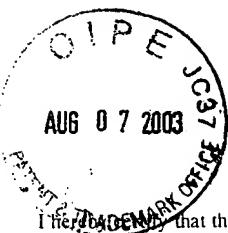
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	MF	Anecdote – “Fuel Oil Between Buildings” discussed in Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed on June 22, 2000 for US Patent Application SN 08/921,737, filed August 27, 1997, entitled, “Method for Maintaining Well Fluids Within a Shut-In Subsea Pipeline.”					
	MG	Anecdote – “Asphalt Transfer Liner from Tank Cars et al.” discussed in Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed on June 22, 2000 for US Patent Application SN 08/921,737, filed August 27, 1997, entitled, “Method for Maintaining Well Fluids Within a Shut-In Subsea Pipeline.”					
	MH	Production Technologies Company Invention Disclosure of R. M. Bass dated July 24, 1986, “Disclosure for Controlled Paraffin Deposition in Subsea Pipelines” as discussed in Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed on June 22, 2000 for US Patent Application S/N No. 08/921,737, filed August 27, 1997, entitled “Method for Maintaining Well Fluids Within a Shut-In Subsea Pipeline.”					
	MI	Purported Invention Disclosure of Production Technologies Company, L.L.C. (PTC) by Bernard J Eastlund and John Haeber, dated April 28, 1995. ‘Apparatus for Introducing Electric Current into and Offshore Pipeline.’ 4pp as discussed in Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed on June 22, 2000 for US Patent Application S/N No. 08/921,737, filed August 27, 1997, entitled “Method for Maintaining Well Fluids Within a Shut-In Subsea Pipeline.”					
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METHOD FOR MAINTAINING WELL FLUIDS)	June 22, 2000
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Sir:

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR 1.56 AND 1.97

It is respectfully requested that the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 (Modified) be considered by the Patent and Trademark Office in the above-entitled application and made of record therein.

This document presents additional disclosures in an organized form prepared for the convenience of the Examiner.

This submission further supplements the Information Disclosure Statement Under 37 CFR 1.56 and 1.97 filed November 24, 1997.

Pipe-in-Pipe Heating

- 2,224,403 has a short section of pipe-in-pipe at pipes 17 and 18.

Electrical Pipeline Heating and Electrical Feed

Additional references on electrical heating of pipes or pipelines include:

- 5,289,561 discloses heating a flexible pipe with electricity using a cable return.
- 4,645,906 uses an internal copper conductor to heat a pipe which is external to the copper conductor.
- 2,851,197 heats pipe with a system that uses a center feed and insulating elements 16 and 17.
- 2,306,831 also uses a center fed circuit.

Electrical Insulation

- *Properties of Polymers: Their Estimation and Correlation with Chemical Structure* discusses generally char formation issues for polymers.
- *Polyethers: Part 1. Polyalkylene Oxides and Other Polymers* discusses polyoxymethylene (Delrin) thermal degradation. The absence of char formation may be inferred from text noting the almost complete loss of weight on heating the polymer in a vacuum. Other texts may be more explicit on favorable char formation characteristics of Delrin but, in any event, the use of Delrin is not broadly claimed apart from other limitations of the claims.

Pipe-in-Pipe Heating

GB 2,084,284 discloses a pipe within a pipe electrical heating system in the context of a subsea pipeline.

GB 2,084,284 subsumes anecdotal issues for which we have no contemporaneous publication or documentation. The Applicants pursued rumors of electrical heating with prior pipe-in-pipe systems, uncovering several stories. Many are not offshore pipeline applications at all; none reported any joint analogous to that deployed in the illustrative embodiment of the present application. These anecdotal issues include:

- Short pipe-in-pipe electrical heating systems which have been applied by Thermo Systems Technology for deployment under river crossings. (No document, but Ref. GR on PTO-1449)

- A fuel oil line between two buildings spaced several hundred yards apart that used electric pipe-in-pipe heating. The heating facilitated flow of fuel oil for heating purposes during cold months. (No document, but Ref. FS on PTO-1449)
- Gary White, author of Understanding Impedance Heating offered background on pipe-in-pipe heating to one of the Applicants as follows:

My experience with pipe-in-pipe technology has been exclusively in tanker car heater systems. We Utilize a 2" schedule 80 pipe inside a 4" schedule 40 pipe at a length of 42 feet. INDEECO completed their design in 1995 and has produced several installations. Another manufacturer of these systems that has greater experience is Bob Yurkanin of Electran. My understanding is Bob has been providing these systems for in excess of ten years.

In addition Mr. White described some long distance pipe-in-pipe work that was entering "very preliminary stages" in 1998 (well after the effective filing date of the present application). (No contemporaneous document; but Ref. FT on PTO-1449).

- Evaluation of Downhole Electrical Impedance Heating Systems for Paraffin Control in Oil Wells is now noted as also referencing control gas hydrates in gas wells.
- Purported invention disclosure by Eastlund and Haeber dated April 28, 1995. This document is not a publication. It is filed separately, with the present Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, to request special treatment pursuant to MPEP 724.02. It is listed on PTO-1449 (Modified) as Ref. FR. This document is characteristic of the inventorship dispute between Shell and PTC. Both this and an unnotarized prior draft are after our investigation show Shell disclosed the idea to PTC. This document also references how PTC asserts the present invention is related to its prior patent for heating tubing in a well bore. These assertions of infringement, etc., were previously disclosed to the Examiner.

Induction and Impedance Heating

Additional references on electrical heating of pipes or pipelines with impedance systems include:

- Taking Induction Heating Underwater
- Understanding Impedance Heating

Some of these emphasize subsea applications:

- Heating of Pipelines, and Power Supply to Subsea Electrical Equipment
- Combi Pipe (Alcatel Contracting Norway brochure) is an undated brochure, but we have been advised that this system was demonstrated as early as 1993.
- Introduction to Direct Heating of Subsea Pipelines is dated Feb. 1998, but we are advised that Statoil had demonstrated such a system as disclosed therein prior to the Applicants' conception of the present invention.
- Why Use Skin Effect Pipe Heating? is a Thermo Systems Technology brochure. Though not discussed in this brochure, Applicants have been advised that this system was deployed in an offshore application.
- Disclosure for Controlling Paraffin Deposition in Subsea Flowlines by R.M. Bass, dated July 24, 1986. This is not a printed publication. It is a disclosure by one of the inventors of the present application at a time when he worked for PTC. Mr. Bass would have no duty of assignment to Shell for this work. Applicants do not believe this disclosure to be relevant, but believe the Examiner should have the opportunity to see it as it was cited to Shell in connection with the unresolved inventorship dispute referenced in one of the earlier Disclosure Statements. This document is filed separately, with the present Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement to request special treatment pursuant to MPEP 724.02. It is listed on Form PTO-1449 (Modified) as Ref. FS.

Pipe-in-Pipe Thermal Insulation

- New Double Pipe Insulated System (DPIS) Designed by Snamprogetti discloses an offshore pipeline having a pipe-in-pipe configuration for thermal insulation, including filling the annular cavity with polyurethane foam. This document is undated but Applicants have been informed that this system precedes their conception of the present invention.

Coaxial Bus Ducts

Applications of extremely high voltage and current have used coaxial bus ducts in the transmission of power. An example of such an application is illustrated:

- Compressed Gas Insulated Transmission Bus Ducts (Ref. CS) and World wide Experience List—Compressed Gas Insulated Transmission Bus System Type CGIT describe a general class of power transmission fixtures. Centralizers are also illustrated. These describe some systems installed as early as the 1970s and precede the Applicants' invention.

Insulated Joints and Signals

Additional insulated joints and signal systems are disclosed as follows:

- Australia 103,122 discloses an insulative joint for passing electrical current into beer as it is drawn from a keg.
- US 3,184,958 discloses a pipe-in-pipe conduit system that provides for the passage of monitoring lines for sensing leaks. Filling the annulus with inert, low moisture gas is also disclosed.
- US 4,839,644 discloses a pipe-in-pipe method and system for communicating signals and low (instrumentation level) power transmission in a cased borehole having a tubing. Commercialization of this system is known as the Tucatran or Tucas system. See the reference from the Schlumberger web page. Though dated June 1996, Applicants have been advised that this was used at least as early as 1993.

The Examiner is requested to fully consider this information and to indicate consideration on the attached PTO-1449 (Modified) by initialing next to each item submitted by the Applicants. No representation is made or intended that a search has been made or that no better art than that listed exists.

Respectfully submitted,

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	AL	103,122	4/37	Australia	27.8	07.6	
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	AR	Krevelen, D. W., Univ. of Technology, Delft, The Netherlands, " PROPERTIES OF POLYMERS" , 3 rd Edition (Revised), Elsevier: Amsterdam-Oxford-New York-Tokyo, 1990: pages 641-653.
	AS	Gaylord, N. G., Gaylord Associates, Newark, New Jersey, " POLYETHERS - Part I. Polyalkylene Oxides and Other Polyethers" : Interscience Publishers: New York-London-Sydney, pages 9-80.
	AT	Brochure - WHY USE SKIN EFFECT PIPE HEATING? Thermo Systems Technology, Inc. Four Commerce Park Square, 23200 Chagrin Boulevard, Suite 600, Beachwood, Ohio 44122, Copyright 1991. 2 pp.

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BR	F. G. Bosch et al. "Evaluation of Downhole Electric Impedance Heating Systems for Paraffin Control in Oil Wells." Paper No. PCIC-90-34, 1990. presented at Industry Applications Society 37 th Annual Petroleum and Chemical Industry Conference, Houston, Texas Sept. 10-12, 1990. pp. 223-227.
BS	F. Aarseth and E. Bentsen, "Heating of Pipelines, and Power Supply to Subsea Electrical Equipment." Aker Engineering a.s A. Bjømstad and B. Knutsen. Alcatel Contracting Norway a.s., DOT 1995, 23 pp.
BT	"Taking Induction Heating Underwater." <u>PROCESS HEATING</u> , July/August 1995, 1 p.

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CR	Fred S. Epstein and Gary L. White, "Understanding Impedance Heating." <u>Chemical Engineering</u> , May 1996, p. 112-118.
CS	"Tubing Casing Wireless Telemetry (Tucas System)." Schlumberger web page (1993?/June 1996), 16 pp. (See text of Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement re supposed date of technology described.)
CT	Brochure - World Wide Experience List - Compressed Gas Insulated Transmission Bus System Type CGIT, ABB Power T & D Company Inc., 30 Oak Street, Westborough, MA 01581, USA, 6 pp. (Describes work from 1972, dated 10/96. See text of Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement re supposed date of technology described.)

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DR	Compressed Gas Insulated Transmission Bus Ducts. ABB Power T&D Company, CGIT/IPB Division, Westborough, MA USA, 22 pp. (Undated. Describes work from 1972. See text of Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement re supposed date of technology described.)						
DS	Brochure - New Double Pipe Insulated System (DPIS) Designed by Snamprogetti. Snamprogetti Offshore Division, 6 pp. (See text of Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement re supposed date of technology described.)						
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FR	"Introduction to Direct Heating of Subsea Pipelines." overview by Statoil, Saga Petroleum, CSO Norge, Alcatel, Kabel Norge and EFI, Feb. 1998. (Undated. See text of Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement re supposed date of technology described.)
FS	Anecdote - Fuel Oil Between Buildings (See text of Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement.)
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